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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KATSUYA OKUMURA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: N.K. BHAT
SERIAL NO: 10/554,218 :
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FOR: BIOCHIP AND BIOCHIP KIT, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME
AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 11, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

A discussion of the **Support for the Amendments** begins on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.